

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on July 19, 2010 has been entered.

Examiner's Amendment

2. An examiner's amendment to the record is attached. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

3. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. James J. DeCarlo (Reg. 36,120) on August 16, 2010

4. In the claims:

- Please amend the claims as amended

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A system comprising:

one or more ~~decentralized-client~~ remote sites, each ~~client~~ remote site having one or more assigned client content providers, the ~~client~~ remote site comprising:

an ingest server ingesting digital content in an ~~decentralized~~ upload operation to upload the digital content from a client content provider assigned to the ~~decentralized-client~~ remote site, one or more ingest queue servers from a central site geographically remote from the ~~client~~ remote site directing transfer of the ingested digital content from the ingest server to one or more first servers based on information identifying the client content provider of the ingested digital content,

the one or more first servers storing the ingested digital content, wherein at least one media server is coupled to the one or more first servers, and the at least one media server is configured to receive a user request and to read the at least a portion of the stored ingested digital content, and

in response to [[a]] the user request, at least one media server providing at least a portion of the stored digital content to the user; and the central site servicing all of the client content providers assigned to the one or more ~~decentralized-client~~ remote sites and comprising the one or more ingest queue servers that direct, as part of the ~~decentralized~~ upload operation, the transfer of digital content ingested by the ingest server to the one or more first servers of the ~~decentralized-client~~ remote site assigned to the client content provider that is uploading the digital content.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The system of claim 1, wherein each client content provider is associated with a particular ~~decentralized-client~~ remote site, the particular ~~decentralized-client~~ remote site storing digital content of the client content provider.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The system of claim 1, wherein the information identifying the client content provider of the ingested digital content includes a location, the ~~decentralized client remote~~ site proximate to the location.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The system of claim 3 wherein the location is a location of probable users of the client content provider's digital content, the ~~decentralized client remote~~ site and the client content provider's digital content thus proximate to the location of probable users.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The system of claim 3 further comprising:
associating a character set within a language with the ~~decentralized client remote~~ site; and
using the associated character set in connection with the digital content at the ~~decentralized client remote~~ site.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The system of claim 1 wherein the one or more ~~decentralized client remote~~ sites comprise at least two or more ~~decentralized client remote~~ sites that have a relationship to each other based on geographic location.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The system of claim 6 wherein transfer of digital content is based on the relationship between the two or more ~~decentralized client remote~~ sites.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The system of claim 1, wherein each ~~decentralized client remote~~ site further comprises:
one or more second servers for managing digital content at the ~~decentralized client remote~~ site; and

~~wherein the at least one media server is coupled to the one or more first servers, the at least one media server is configured to receive the user request and to read the at least a portion of the stored digital content.~~

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The system of claim 1 wherein the information identifying the client content provider of the ingested digital content is a location of the client content provider.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The system of claim 1 wherein the information identifying the client content provider of the ingested digital content is an amount of digital content of the client content provider.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): The system of claim 1 wherein the central site further comprises:

one or more servers configured to receive digital content and make digital content available to users.

Claim 12 (Original): The system of claim 1 wherein transfer of digital content is caused by a user's request to experience the content.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): A method comprising:

receiving, at a central site geographically remote from a ~~decentralized client remote~~ site that has one or more assigned client content providers, information about digital content of a client content provider and information identifying the client content provider;

uploading, in an ~~decentralized~~ upload operation, the digital content from the client content provider to an ingest server at the ~~decentralized client remote~~ site;

directing, by an ingest queue server at the central site as part of the ~~decentralized~~ upload operation ~~geographically from the site~~ and based on the information identifying the client content provider, transfer of the ingested digital content from the ingest server to another server at the ~~decentralized client remote~~ site for storage by the ~~another server; and~~

receiving, by at least one media server, a user request;

in response to ~~[[a]]~~ the user request, providing at least a portion of the stored digital content to the user via ~~[[a]]~~ the media server, the media server being located at the ~~decentralized client remote~~ site, the media server reading at least the portion of the stored digital content; and

the central site servicing all of the client content providers assigned to remote site and comprising the ingest queue server that directs, as part of the upload operation, the transfer of digital content ingested by the ingest queue server to one or more first servers associated with the remote site assigned to the client content provider that is uploading the digital content.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 13, wherein there are a plurality of ~~decentralized client remote~~ sites and each client content provider is associated with a particular ~~decentralized client remote~~ site of the plurality, the particular ~~decentralized client remote~~ site storing digital content of the client content provider.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 13, wherein the information identifying the client content provider of the ingested digital content includes a location, the ~~decentralized client remote~~ site being proximate to the location.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 15 wherein the location is a location of probable users of the client content provider's digital content, the

~~decentralized client~~ remote site and the client content provider's digital content thus being proximate to the location of probable users.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 15 further comprising:
associating a character set within a language with the ~~decentralized client~~ remote site; and
using the associated character set in connection with the digital content at the remote site.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 13 wherein the ~~decentralized client~~ remote site has a relationship to at least one other ~~decentralized client~~ remote site based on geographic location.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 13 wherein transfer of digital content is based on the relationship between the two or more ~~decentralized client~~ remote sites.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 13, further comprising:
managing the digital content by one or more management servers at the ~~decentralized client~~ remote site; and
receiving, by the at least one media server, the user request and reading the at least a portion of the stored digital content in response.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 13 wherein the information identifying the client content provider of the ingested digital content is a location of the client.

Claim 22 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 13 wherein the information identifying the client content provider of the ingested digital content is an amount of digital content of the client content provider.

Claim 23 (Original): The method of claim 13 further comprising:
receiving digital content at the central site;
making the digital content available to users from the central site.

Claim 24 (Original): The method of claim 13 wherein transfer of digital content is in response to a request from a user to experience the content.

Claim 25 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 24 wherein the remote site is located proximate to the user making the request.

Claims 26-42 (Cancelled)

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yasin Barqadle whose telephone number is 571-272-3947. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dharia Rupal can be reached on 571-272-3880. The

fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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